श्री पी० के० थुंगन : आपने मौन व्रत करा दिया। अगर आप चाहें तो मैं और लंबा बोल सकता हूं।

So far as minor irrigation is concerned, it does not need clearance from the CWC.

SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: That is also mentioned. That is why I specifically asked this. In respect of clearance of medium projects, the reason given is *Ministry of Environment and Forests ka clearance nahin mila.*

SHRI P.K. THUNGON : I am coming to that. I am coming to that. So far as minor irrigation projects are concerned, the Central Government does not come into the picture. But so far as forest clearance is concerned, they will have to approach the Environment and Forests Department and certainly, the Environment Ministry will take into consideration the importance and urgency of the respective projects.

So far as this Indira Gandhi Feeder Gang Canal link channel is concerned, this was cleared in October 1989. And, the details....(*Interruption*)

SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: What was the original estimate?

SHRI P.K. THUNGON : The details of escalation, the exact details, I admit, I will not be able to give him. But, in general, ten per cent is the escalation.

SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: I want the figures. Madam, these are two projects they have cleared. What were the original estimates when they were submitted to you ?

SHRI P.K. THUNGON : That is why I am saying I just now do not have the exact figures. But I will be able to supply them to you, if you desire. (*Interruption*). Madam, I will give him that separately.

SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI : This is the main reason why all these schemes become unviable. (*Interruption*).

SHRI P.K. THUNGON : The percentage of escalation is ten per cent.

*164. [*The Questioner (Shri Gopal Sinh G. Solanki) was absent. For answer, vide col.* 36 *infra*]

New Regional Offices of KVS

*165. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY†: SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that three new regional offices have been/are being created by Kendriya Vidyalya Sangathan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the details of Vidyalayas which have been/are being brought under the jurisdiction of each of the offices including the new ones; and

(d) what are the principles or considerations that governed the proposed grouping of Vidyalayas ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE)

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the house by Shri Sarada Mohanty.

(KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

New Regional Offices of KVS

Keeping in view increase in the number of schools, and consequent workload in the existing regional offices, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has decided to open three new regional offices at Dehradun (Uttar Pradesh), Bangalore (Karnataka) and Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh).

While the primary consideration for grouping of Vidyalayas under a particular region is their accessibility to facilitate periodical inspection of the schools by the Regional Offices, other factors relevant for efficient management such as interaction with the concerned State Governments, facilities for recruitment of teachers at Regional levels, availability of infrastructure for the functioning of the Regional Offices etc. are also taken into account. The three new Regional Offices are still in the process of being set up and the operational details including the regrouping of Vidyalayas are yet to be worked out by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : Madam, in the reply the Minister has stated, "the primary consideration for grouping of Vidalayas under a particular region is their accessibility to facilitate periodical inspection of the schools by the Regional Offices". My question is : What is the justification for allotting Mathura, Agra, Baad and Meerut to the regional office at Dehradun when they are very near to Delhi ? Similarly, what is the justification for allotting Dhanbad KV schools to Bhubaneshwar instead of Patna ?

KUMARI SELJA : Madam, when we allot these schools to different regions we do not go by State boundaries but by regions. wherever it is more feasible to have it in a particular region, we go according to that.

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : My second supplementary is : What is the criterion for opening new regional offices of KVS ? I would like to know whether there is any regional office in each State, specially in Kerala.

KUMARI SELJA: Madam, the criterion for opening regional offices is as follows : The number of schools to be looked after by the regional office, the location of the Vidalayas, the means of communication between them and other administrative exigencies. All States do not have regional offices. At the moment we have only 15 regional offices. It is not possible to have a regional office in every State.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Shri Gurudas Das Gupta. He is not present. Shri J.S. Raju.

SHRI J.S. RAJU : Madam, a perusal of the grouping of 771 Kendriya Vidyalays into 18 regions clearly shows that the principle of uniformity has been lost sight of. Some have 30 schools while othere have 49 schools. Coimbatore or Ernakulam could have been a better choice for one of the three Regional Headquarters. At last a dozen M.Ps. wrote to the hon. Minister in this regard but the Minister acted arbitrarily and decided the issue partially. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister if he is ready to revise the issue of seats, regions and grouping of Kendriya Vidyalayas reasonably and uniformly.

KUMARI SELJA : Madam, this is done reasonably and uniformly

and the Minister is the Chariman of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. It is not that he has acted in an arbitrary manner. Till 1984 each regional office has about 25 to 30 Kendriya Vidyalayas. But now the number has increased so much. That is why the need is felt to have more regional offices and it is done in uniformity.

[*166. *The questioner (Shri Krishan Lal Sharma) was absent. For answer vide col. 43 infra*]

[*167. *The questioner (Chowdhry Hari Singh) was absent. For answer vide col. 43 infra*]

[*168. *The questioner (Shrimati Basanti Sarma) was absent. For answer vide col. 45 infra*]

Centenary Celebrations of Scientists

*169. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that this is the birth centenary year of three of our greatest Scientists, Prof. P.C. Mahalanabis, Prof. Meghnad Saha and Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose; and

(b) whether Government propose to celebrate the centenary year of these scientists; if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Centenary Year of Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose would commence only from January, 1994.

(b) Details are yet to be worked out.

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Madam, my question is whether the Government is aware that the birth centenary of three of our greatest scientists, Prof. Mahalanobis, Prof. Meghnad Saha and Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose will be celebrated. The Government has mentioned only about Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose. What about the other two ? I would like to know whether the Government will celebrate their birth centenary because they also fall in the same year.

KUMARI SELJA : Madam, the Government itself does not celebrate all the birth centenaries. But if we get requests from various institutions, then certainly grant is given to them for celebrating these centenaries.

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : I have been told that various institutes have already sent letters to the Government in this regard. I want to know whether the Government will consider it or not.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : She has already answered. If they send, they will consider it.

Question Hour is over

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

देश में बीज संबंधी अनुसंधान केन्द्र

*164. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हमारे देश में कुल कितने बीज संबंधी अनुसंधान केन्द्र हैं;

(ख) गत दो वर्षों के दौरान किये गये अनुसंधान कार्य और विकसित किये गये बीजों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और